

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**Claim 1** (previously amended) A blending station apparatus, comprising:

a blending container;

a blending location sized to receive the blending container;

a foodstuffs supply line carrying a foodstuffs, the foodstuffs supply line provided at the blending location to selectively and automatically introduce the foodstuffs into the blending container upon request;

a blending device mounted to the blending station apparatus at the blending location to blend the foodstuffs introduced into the blending container;

a pump operatively coupled to the foodstuffs supply line to introduce the foodstuffs into the blending container;

a single, self-contained, stand-alone preparation and processing station to incorporate the blending container, the blending location, the foodstuffs supply line, the blending device, and the pump.

**Claim 2** (original) A blending station apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising an ice supply to directly and automatically introduce ice into the blending container upon request.

**Claim 3** (previously amended) A blending station apparatus, comprising:

- a blending container;
- a blending location sized to receive the blending container;
- a foodstuffs supply line carrying a foodstuffs, the foodstuffs supply line provided at the blending location to selectively and automatically introduce the foodstuffs into the blending container upon request;
- a blending device mounted to the blending station apparatus at the blending location to blend the foodstuffs introduced into the blending container;
- an ice supply to selectively and automatically introduce ice into the blending container upon request;
- a water supply to selectively and automatically introduce water into the blending container upon request;
- a single, self-contained, stand-alone preparation and processing station to incorporate the blending container, the blending location, the foodstuffs supply line, the blending device, the ice supply, and the water supply.

**Claim 4** (original) A blending station apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the foodstuffs comprises a fruit flavored foodstuffs.

**Claim 5** (original) A blending station apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the foodstuffs comprises a nutritional supplement.

**Claim 6** (original) A blending station apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the foodstuffs comprises a coffee flavored foodstuffs.

**Claim 7** (previously amended) A blending station apparatus, comprising:

- a blending container;
- a blending location sized to receive the blending container;
- a foodstuffs supply line carrying a foodstuffs, the foodstuffs supply line provided at the blending location to selectively and automatically introduce the foodstuffs into the blending container upon request;
- a blending device mounted to the blending station apparatus at the blending location to blend the foodstuffs introduced into the blending container;
- a refrigeration system to maintain the foodstuffs supply line refrigerated;
- a single, self-contained stand-alone preparation and processing station to incorporate the blending container, the blending location, the foodstuffs supply line, the blending device, and the refrigeration system.

**Claim 8** (previously amended) A blending station apparatus, comprising:

- a blending container;
- a blending location sized to receive the blending container;
- a foodstuffs supply line carrying a foodstuffs, the foodstuffs supply line provided at the blending location to selectively and automatically introduce the foodstuffs into the blending container upon request;
- a blending device mounted to the blending station apparatus at the blending location to blend the foodstuffs introduced into the blending container;
- a cleaning location sized to receive the blending container;
- a cleaning liquid supply line provided at the cleaning location to automatically clean the blending container when placed within the cleaning location.

**Claim 9** (original) A blending station apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising at least two foodstuffs supply lines.

**Claim 10** (original) A blending station apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising six foodstuffs supply lines.

**Claim 11** (previously amended) A blending station apparatus, comprising:

- a blending container;
- a blending location sized to receive the blending container;
- a foodstuffs supply line carrying a foodstuffs, the foodstuffs supply line provided at the blending location to selectively and automatically introduce the foodstuffs into the blending container upon request;
- a blending device mounted to the blending station apparatus at the blending location to blend the foodstuffs introduced into the blending container;
- a peristaltic pump operatively coupled to the foodstuffs supply line to directly and automatically introduce one or more of the foodstuffs into the blending container upon request.

**Claim 12** (original) A blending station apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a control panel and an information processor operatively coupled to the control panel to input data into the blending station apparatus to automatically prepare a beverage.

**Claims 13-29** (previously canceled).

**Claims 30-33** (previously canceled).

**Claims 34-40** (previously canceled).

**Claim 41** (previously amended) A blending station apparatus, comprising:

- a blending container;
- a blending location sized to receive the blending container;
- a refrigerated foodstuffs supply line carrying a foodstuffs, the refrigerated foodstuffs supply line provided at the blending location to selectively and automatically introduce the foodstuffs into the blending container upon request;
- a blending device mounted to the blending station apparatus at the blending location to blend the foodstuffs introduced into the blending container;
- a single, self-contained, standalone preparation and processing station to incorporate the blending container, the blending location, the refrigerated foodstuffs supply line, and the blending device.

**Claim 42** (previously added) A blending station apparatus, comprising:

- a blending container;
- a blending location sized to receive the blending container;
- a foodstuffs supply container disposed within the blending station;
- a foodstuffs supply line extending between the foodstuffs supply container and the blending container;
- a blending device mounted to the blending station apparatus at the blending location to blend the foodstuffs introduced into the blending container;
- a pump operatively coupled to the foodstuffs supply line to pump the foodstuffs into the blending container from the foodstuffs supply container.